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THAT TEND TO ELEVATE THE

People in General and the Race in Particular—Detrimental Actions Condemned—Points of View—Drawing the Color Line.

CHICAGO, ILL.

DEAR READER:—I have picked up my pen again, and unless other cares press too heavily on me, I mean to keep it quite busy. In my writing I mean to give myself unlimited range. Any subject I think will prove of benefit or interest will be treated of in these columns. The world is so full of subjects of great interest, and especially to the Negro that I will find material enough to keep my pen ever busy. In handling a subject it is hardly necessary for me to say I worship truth and mean to be scrupulously faithful to it, and mean to hurl the strongest language my pen can command at what I find masquerading as truth. No temporizing with truth for me, nor would I, not for even a moments applause, arrange in the habiliments of truth what is not truth to please public opinion. I would rather suffer the slings of scorn, laughter and ridicule alone than be with public opinion when it is not supported by truth.

I am alive to the fact that to what I write there will always be exceptions taken. It gives me satisfaction to see my writings be disputed. It shows that I am being carefully read, and that I have awakened in the brains of the disputant a train of thought that might have otherwise lain dormant.

At all times my language will receive the approval of my heart, and not be mere lip-labor. My aim will be to make it terse, simple and unambiguous. There are writers who make use of the pen to flourish their book learning, instead of using it as a means to an end. All such writing I will studiously avoid.

The disaster at Chicago has served one good purpose. It has shown the people the criminal negligence of Carter Harrison and his city administration in not enforcing the ordinances pertaining to the safety of theatres. By allowing these ordinances to be wantonly violated he makes himself particeps criminis to the killing of all the unfortunates of the recent calamity.

This calamity points out the amount of "graft" the city administration of Chicago has been indulging in. It is an indubitable fact that where "graft" is levied on an ordinance involving the safety of the public all other ordinances that can be made the subject of levy are done so. When one stops to think of the many, many Chicago ordinances that can be made to yield something the mayor has had a vertiable snap these many years. As if to pull the wool over the peoples eyes the mayor has become unusually active in enforcing all ordinances pertaining to the safety of theatres. Ordinances that were allowed to indulge in a profound protracted sleep have been awakened by the Iroquois calamity, and are now actively alive to the situation, the result of which is that not a theatre in the city, save one, is allowed to open its doors. And so apprehensive has the mayor become that it is reported thirty five per cent of these theatres will never open their doors again.

If the calamity of the Iroquois theatre, terrible thought it was, will only awaken Chicago to the great municipal error it is making in setting up and perpetuating a mayoralty dynasty; if the vigilance that is now awakened be not allowed to slumber again, if the coroner will fix the blame where it belongs—on the mayor and those in collusion with him—it will not have been in vain.

There are three kinds of conspicuousness detrimental to the best interests of the colored people, which if shunned and omitted may not do away with prejudice but will have a strong tendency to ameliorate it. They are the conspicuousness of dictions, of talk and of dress. I have always maintained that a Negro, on account of his color, gets his full share of conspicuousness, and that his actions talk and dress should be of the most subdued character.

First as to actions. Every Negro should remember that some boisterous behavior on his part may prejudice a whole neighborhood or community against his race. When a white man's actions are conspicuously offensive that one man is simply surpressed and that is all there is to it. When a Negro proves conspicuously offensive in his actions he is not only suppressed but this charge is held against all of his race that come after him. The drawing of the color line in many a public place is due to the conspicuous actions of some headless Negro, which was offensive. Let the Negro then always be circumspect and studiously eschew conspicuousness of actions.

Probably the most harmful of the three kinds of conspicuousness is the conspicuousness of talk. There are some Negroes who so prostitute their gift of speech, and make it such a potent factor mimical to the welfare of the race that it seems almost a pity they were ever given it. No longer than a day or so ago I saw a number of colored men congregated on one of our principal corners, and every one of them was speaking at once, and in such stenstorian tones, punctuated with such peals of immoderate laughter that the whole neighborhood was aware of them.

It is hardly worth my while to cite the Negro who waits until he gets on a street car or in some other public place to begin his conspicuous talk, for we are too well acquainted with him. And then there is the Negro who begins to talk when the party to it is some distance away, and hollows what he has to say in a manner to awake the dead, what should be private talk he yells to the neighborhood.

The conspicuousness of dress has become such a negroid that, as a rule, when a Negro goes to purchase some clothing for himself all the loud and flashy patterns are shown him. It is amusing to see some Negroes as they go along the street arrayed in their rainbow raiment, the laughing stock of all who see them. The dented hat, the big checked or wide striped suit, the wall paper shirt and the flaming tie, are these not familiar to us all? The Negro who looks as if he has just stepped from the stage—is he not a familar sight? Shakespeare says: "The apparel oft proclaims the man." Then if the white man judges the Negro by these proclamations there can scarcely be any wonder he looks down on us as creatures of such inferiority and deserving his prejudice.

"Beginning on or about January 16th the editor of this department will begin a waiter's school in these columns; at which time a practical course in letter writing, punctuation, capitalization and the use and expression of words. Full particulars later."

On picking up The Freeman of December 26th and turning to the waiter's column conducted by W. Forrest Cozart I was quite agreeably surprised to see the foregoing announcement. It proves, beyond all doubt, that The Freeman is a live, progressive paper, with correspondents alive to the urgent need of the hour. This is quite a departure from the beaten track of Negro journals, and should receive a liberal support, not only from waiters, but from all Negroes, and they are many whose attainments in the English language are deficient. Here is an opportunity for those who have studied English in schools but have since become neglectful of those studies, but more so for those who have never had that opportunity.

The meaning and timeliness of this step can only be appreciated when one stops to remember that all the leading colleges and universities have made a determined insistence on a knowledge of English, even to correct spelling, necessary for matriculation and that Marshall Field & Co., pay a dollar to any employe for every error in English he finds in the printed matter sent out by the firm.

To know how to use the English correctly is a "consummation dovoutly to be wished." Never in the history of the world before was the pen mighter than the sword adage truer than it is today. Anyone that knows not how to arrange his thoughts on paper now when the pen is such a scepter of power is lamentably handicapped in the race of life. There is no position in life so obscure but a knowledge of English improves it.

PETER GIBSON FINCH.

THE DARKER HOUR.

The Harbor Bar.

Movements in Jeffersonville.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.—One of the most enjoyable children's parties ever given in Jeffersonville was that tendered in honor of Miss Vivian Lucile Thompson at the close of the holiday season by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson. Music, dancing, marching and games of all kinds engrossed the attention of the young people for four hours. A table laden with "good things" being not the least attractive feature of the program. The young people were as follows: From Louisville, Masters James Adams and Willie H. Mayo; of Frankfort, Ky., Miss Julia Hughes and Frank Hughes, chaperones, Mrs. Georgia Taylor Adams and Miss Nellie A. Hughes. From New Albany: Misses Hettie Ward, Virginia Jones, Texie Manley, Edna Hogan, Georgia Manley, Maud Gaddie, Masters Dannie and Archie Manley; chaperones, Mrs. Lillian R. Johnson and Miss Marguerite B. Sterrett. From Jeffersonville: Misses Annie Wright, Rose Venable, Pearl Washington, Masters Frank Taylor, Robert Rose, Willie Dudley and Gussie Taylor; chaperones, Mrs. R. Frank Taylor and Miss Martin. Miss Vivian returned to Indianapolis to finish her school year delighted with her gnla visit here.

Rev. W. M. Lankford, of Wesley Chapel, is with us again, after spending the holidays with his family at Springfield, O. He delivered a scholarly lecture last Sunday on "Culture and Reform." Dr. Lankford is one of the very ablest clergymen in the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Nelson Rosson is again in from a complication of diseases.—Dr. J. K. Nickens is sojourning here, preparatory to opening a lengthy season with his panoramic lectures in Louisville.—Miss Mattie McClellan of the public schools has purchased a lovely home for herself, mother and grandmother in East Maple street, a highly desirable locality.

The Peoples' Grocery, John T. Smith, manager, has moved to Indiana avenue, closer to the colored patrons it aims to reach.—Modlin & Wilson are doing a profitable undertaking business.—The Business League is arranging for another public meeting.

Prof. R. Frank Taylor on "The Old Year and the New in the Race Problem," and Mr. R. W. Thompson on "Bread and Butter Education" were the principal features of the Christmas concert at Bethel A. M. E. Church. Mrs. E. F. Daniel managed admirably and acquitted herself creditably as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Grace Lucas Thompson made her local debut as an elocutionist last week at Wesley Chapel.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. F. Harris, of New Albany, were over last Saturday.—Our teachers report a fine time at the sessions of the Kentucky State Teacher's Association across the river.—Miss Jessie D. Clay, teacher at Mt. Washington, Ky., spent a day with Mesdames R. F. Taylor and R. W. Thompson.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Lewis, presiding elder, was in attendance, and delivered two eloquent sermons. Rev. Lewis also made a very interesting talk to the Sunday school scholars in the afternoon. The Misses Petticords entertained friends from the Capitol City over Sunday. Miss Cintha Boon is home from a visit to friends in Michigan. Mr. Hawkins was in the city last week in attendance at the funeral of his neice, Miss Verda Hawkins. Miss Olie Birney is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Knox Master Millard Robbins entertained a number of his little friends in honor of his eleventh birthday, Saturday January 9th, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Games were a feature of the entertainment. A light luncheon was served.

A CHANCE TO DIFFER

A LINE OF ARGUMENT PRESENTED THAT ABOUNDS WITH SOUND

LOGIC AND CAREFUL THOUGHT

Giving to Our Readers a Broad-minded Man's View of an Agitated Question—Right and Best Means of Procedure—Other Beliefs.

It is not strange that a colored man who has done the work and who has won the eminence which already distinguish Dr. B. T. Washington should draw around himself a vast host of his race, made up of individuals who intelligently appreciate and endorse his principles, and of others, who, while they may not be able to comprehend the man, are yet able to appreciate the success which he has won. Neither should it be a matter to cause surprise when we find that the very success with which he has advocated his views should stir into unusual activity the opposition of many, who honestly hold opinions vastly different from those which Dr. Washington so efficiently promulgates. Among earnest and thoughtful people, who have great interest at stake, this is just what is always certain to happen.

The staunch friends and enthusiastic admirers which the success of Dr. Washington has called forth does great credit to the race by revealing its capability of grateful appreciation, while the bold and out-spoken opposition to some of his acts and teachings is alike creditable, in that it shows that there are of the race who have also been thinking, and who have reached conclusions and formed convictions which they deem worthy of defence and of advocacy, and from which they are not to be quickly or easily turned. All of this is evident to citizens of a country that furnishes political parties holding such widely different opinions as those which divide Republicans and Democrats.

Neither the partial and enthusiastic followers, nor the earnest and bold opposers of Dr. Washington are a discredit to the race, nor, for that matter, do they in either case show any difference in nature from the citizens of all races who take sides with the different political parties and leaders.

The advocacy or the opposition only become niggerish and unworthy when individuals of small souls on either side come forward with abusive slander and unwarranted and ungenerous imputations against the honor and sincerity of the motives of those with whom they differ.

It is low, mean, unworthy and condemnable to charge Dr. Washington with selfish motives or to describe his chief advocates as hirelings, and it is likewise low, mean, unworthy and condemnable to charge the men of high standing who oppose him with envy, jealousy or spite. Those who do this, either on the one side or the other, greatly discredit the race, and grossly misreprent it.

Dr. Washington is a man of lofty spirit and great and unselfish purposes, and of a consecrated life; and there are other men of like character and souls, some of whom enter into communion with him and some of whom differ in belief and the policy that comes from belief. Between Dr. Washington and men of this later class there may be a great chasm in belief and policy, but at the same time there is certain to exist great and mutual respect, and a deep reverence for the loyalty to honest convictions shown. It is the small minded, unthoughtful and mean individual who comes to disturb the relations of mutual respect that always exist between lofty spirits, however greatly they differ in belief and policy. The greatest of mankind, from the lofty and solitary heights of his own great soul, taught that to Cæsar, should be rendered the things that are his.

Whatever may be the outcome of the teachings of Dr. Washington no noble-minded man will deny him the reverence due to sincerity of purpose and usefulness of motive. He may be mistaken in his views, in all of them, in many of them, or in a few of them, or he may be entirely right, time alone can make the revelation, but respect as a sincere man in his present is due, and it is equally the right of any honorable opponent. Let it be hoped that puerile and personal recriminations will cease, and that principles and policies will be honestly and intellegently discussed. The great interest at stake is not the applauding or the condemning of Dr. Wash-

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It takes more wisdom to spend money than it does to earn it. Any fool can earn it.

To be well born makes lots of difference to both the calf and the boy. The sire counts for much in both cases.

The average hired man on the farm will dry up the milk cow almost as quickly as her calf would if it was allowed to run with her.

It makes a granger hot under the collar to sell a fat hog for 4 cents a pound and have to pay 18 cents for smoked ham. He should learn how to cure his own bacon and hams.

One of the big daily papers of New York city uses paper to the value of $650,000 yearly. Just how many acres of native forest this consumption represents it would be interesting to know.

Modern business is so intensely cold blooded and selfish that the man who banks on loyalty to home interests, any trace of Samaritan philanthropy or any mercy because of incapacity will find himself left.

While it is well enough to have the bronchos for certain lines of work, it is the height of foolishness to cross them with the heavy type of our draft horses, as rarely any other than an equine monstrosity results.

Less than twenty miles from Chicago there stands on a small farm an octagon log barn kept in good repair, though built long ago, a most interesting relic of the days of the pioneers. The roof of this barn is coned up like an Indian tepee.

The most remunerative agriculture of the whole country is this year found on the irrigated lands of Colorado and largely in connection with the potato crop. What do you think of a $26,000 income from a 200 acre farm at an expense for labor of only $5,000?

The cotton growers of the south are this year for the first time, owing to the very high price of the staple, gathering the unopened cotton bolls and running them through a thrashing machine to secure the fiber which the bolls contain. One planter in one day secured $62 worth of cotton from a lot of what has hitherto been regarded as trash and worthless.

There are many ills connected with the unrestrained operation of the law of competition; but, bad as these may be, they are never so hard to put up with as the evils growing out of the modern methods of consolidation and combination. No man can be safely trusted with the despotic power of regulating production and fixing prices for the consumer to pay. The thing may look all right on paper, but it never pans out that way.

We are all familiar with the sight of the king bird giving battle to the hawk and the crow chasing and bothering the big owl, the contest in each case showing the hawk and the owl to be most arrant cowards, being driven hither and thither by their unarmed antagonists, when by one swoop of their wings and one grab with their talons they could not only whip their tormentors, but kill and eat them for dinner. So far as we know, there is no parallel to this case among the carnivorous wild animals.

Only a very few of our deciduous trees will stand a wholesale trimming back of the limbs all at once after they obtain a matured age. The cottonwood, willow, elm and soft maple will stand the roughest treatment. Pruning back of shade trees should be done gradually while they are developing. We noted a long row of handsome soft maples which had been entirely killed by the wholesale removal of their tops last May. The pruning of all the evergreens must be done when they are young and done from the outside.

The best hen? Well, there probably is none. Nearly every breed does well with some people. With hens there is more in the care and the food than in the breed. Even scrub or mongrel hens will surprise one when they are treated like aristocrats. The great advantage in having a flock of full blooded fowls lies mostly in thereby securing a more uniform quality of eggs and dressed birds and in the greater pleasure in seeing them around. We like the Houdans for their fine eggs, the Leghorns for their activity in foraging and laying, the Partridge Cochins for the beauty of their plumage, the light Brahmas for their winter egg production, while for all round fowls it is hard to beat the Wyandottes and Plymouth Rocks.

It has been said that the one thing which marks the dividing line between man and the animal creation is the moral sense. While this is true, it is almost equally true that the art sense in man is almost as good a test. The mammalia without exception are destitute of this sense, the lair of the lion, the hole of the fox, the den of all rodents, being bare of any adornment. The birds, however, are not wholly deficient in this respect. While the flesh eating birds are closely allied to their counterparts in the animal world in home building, the nests of the eagle, hawk, crow, raven, condor and buzzard being but bird shanties of the crudest construction, nothing could be more artistic than the nest of the humming bird or goldfinch or oriole, while the bower bird of Australia will decorate its home with every available bright and pretty thing it can secure. While bright colors attract birds, they disturb and often infuriate wild animals.

THE OZARK REGION.

If one could be willing to work and wait, endure the hardships and privations of a backwoods life, for a period of ten years or so, probably some unpleasant experiences in getting acclimated, put up with poor schools and native settlers of a rather backward and unprogressive type, he might do worse than get a farm and home down in the Ozark mountain region of southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. That section presents many attractive features for the poor man seeking a farm and a home. The elevation of the country insures it healthfulness, the winters are very mild, the rainfall is abundant during the growing season, the best of timber is abundant, the water none better, fish and game abound, and on many of the acres cultivated two crops may be raised in one season. It is an exceptionally fine fruit country, with good markets accessible. While the soil is not of the best and land is expensive to clear and fit for a crop, still life under the conditions as stated has much to commend it to the poor man who seeks a home and is willing to work and wait for the country's development. Withal the land is now cheap—from $8 to $20 per acre—when richer lands farther north, with not half the other natural advantages, sell for more than double the money. The discomforts of settlement in this south country might be largely mitigated if a small colony of northern people could arrange to locate near together in this way, assuring neighbors of like tastes, better schools and church privileges. The opportunities which this section of the country affords are well worth looking over.

WHAT AILS THESE HENS?

A friend wants to know why his hens won't lay. He says that he has thirty Plymouth Rock pullets eight months old. Says he treats them like queens; they have warm house, plenty of room, get an approved egg producing ration, with warm water to drink, with oyster shells and bone meal as side dishes, and still they won't lay him a single egg. This is a hard proposition. There is only one thing more that we think of that he can give them, and that is time, but as he is in a hurry for fresh eggs, now that they are worth 35 cents a dozen, this won't help him. The hen being of the female persuasion there is a good deal of the "when she will she will and when she won't she won't" business about her. We will, however, venture this suggestion—if our friend had thirty Light Brahma hens and cared for them as he says he does he would be getting at least a dozen or more eggs a day. Our own experience has been that as winter layers for the north country no breed quite equals the Light Brahmas, but we always pity the man who has to have them around all summer wanting to sit. Again, it is just barely possible that our friend does not make his hens work hard enough to secure their rations, for exercise and plenty of it is a most essential fact in egg production.

DID WHAT THEY COULD.

It was a little thrifty farming community in a western state, and the good wives and mothers of these farm homes, partly for the social pleasure entailed, but more out of the goodness of their hearts, some years ago organized a social benevolent society, meeting twice a month at different homes—light refreshments, a ten cent contribution for the common cause and much pleasant interchange of chat over new babies, fashions, domestic troubles and the like. During a period of ten years these good women have given no less than $700 to various religious and benevolent enterprises, some of the money going to feed the starving in faroff India, much for relief of the poor at home, some to help Sunday schools. There are plenty of women of whom it may be truthfully said, "She hath done what she could," which is far more than can be said of most men.

THE TROLLEY LINE.

The extension of the country trolley line is progressing at a marvelous rate, with an effect upon the country at large which is wholly beneficial. Hundreds of small towns and country communities are being brought into direct touch with markets and modern means of transportation. For all local and suburban traffic these roads are every way preferable to the steam road, whether for passenger or freight service. Should there be any agitation to secure such a line of road in your vicinity give it a hearty and cordial support, for if it is built adjoining your farm the building of it will at once add $20 per acre to the value of it. The country home located on a trolley line is destined to be the most desirable home in America in the near future.

WHAT WOMAN CAN DO.

If your cemetery is neglected and a disgrace to your community, interest the ladies in its improvement. If your schoolhouse grounds are a libel on our modern system of education, elect a live woman as school director. If you want a real live farmers' institute, elect a bright woman as secretary. In a word, if you want any public improvement pushed and completed, set the women at it, for they know how to pull the money out of your pocket and how to spend it to the best advantage. Women can do lots of things besides go to church, take care of babies and cook your meals. Nearly every successful farmer of our acquaintance has a smart wife, who really furnishes the brains to run the farm, while the old man gets all the credit.

A brand new kind of poultry food is on the market selling for $50 per ton. Analyzed, it is just alfalfa hay ground up and the price converted from $10 per ton to $50. Grind it yourself.

Where but few cows are kept it is rarely that either the best kind of cows compose the dairy or that the best milk producing rations are fed. The cow as a side issue on the farm is never at her best.

The town cow is usually much better fed and cared for than her country relative. It costs so much to keep a cow in town that only good ones are worth keeping and only by liberal and proper feeding can they be made to pay their way.

A farmer who stuck up a red flag in front of his house on the highway to notify the cream hauler to stop also scared off two tramps, a peddler of fruit trees and a county politician, who took the flag for indication of contagious disease.

It is possible for improved methods of agriculture to redeem much of the poor, wornout farm land of the eastern states. Alfalfa is working wonders in many localities, forestry will do much, while the cow and the clover field associated with the silo and the cornfield will do still more.

The most successful fruit growers of the west, and of the east also, are united in the opinion that the best way to care for an orchard is to give it thorough cultivation up to July 15 and then sow a cover crop for winter protection. The next best method is to keep the orchard in clover.

We saw an evergreen windbreak the other day twenty years old which was the victim of the common blunder of arranging the trees too thickly when they were set out. The windbreak on this grove was up ten feet in the air, the lower limbs of the trees having been all killed off by crowding.

The man with a large, well lighted, sunny barn basement which never freezes has, in the north country, at least, many advantages over his neighbor who does not have one. His cows will give more milk, he may raise early litters of pigs and January lambs, he may have plenty of eggs all winter, and he will take much comfort in caring for his stock.

The English sparrow, which has preempted every available nook and corner of cornice, barn, shed and house as nesting places, is now taking possession of the evergreens and shade trees and disfiguring them with its uncouth nests. The well meaning patriot who first brought these birds to America should have been court martialed and sent to the penitentiary for life.

The colored man, the old mule and the rope harness may not be a very up to date and attractive outfit, but just the same it is the combination which is mostly to be credited with the production of the most valuable crop in the country next to corn. If it were not for this hard times outfit the world would have to get along with one shirt and go to bed while it was being washed.

This hired man came into a legacy of $30,000 from the estate of a deceased uncle. He was just a common plug of a hired man and had never had $200 at one time in his life before. He went east and got his money and, returning, put up in a swell hotel not far from his old home. Ringing for the clerk, that worthy went up and found the hired man had carpeted the entire room with greenbacks and was walking back and forth, evidently having the time of his life. Money makes some men do queer things.

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DIVORCE LEGALS.

George Murray vs Lucinda Murray	State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion Co., In the State of Indiana. No. 13015 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 2nd day of Dec. 1903, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant Lucinda Murray and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Lucinda Murray is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 24th day of February, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said Court said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 24th day of February, 1904 the same being the 24th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February, 1904, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in her absence.

WM. E. DAVIS Clerk.

A. H. DICKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 44 N. Delaware street.

DIVORCE LEGAL.

Minnie G. Haberly vs Samuel S. Haberly	State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion count In the State of Indiana. No. 13045 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 31st day of December 1903 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Samuel S. Haberly and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant Samuel S Haberly is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 3rd day of March, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of the said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 3rd day of March 1904, the same being the 28th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk

A H DICKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 44 N. Delaware Street

Indiana at St. Louis.

Near the great outdoor mining exhibit at the World's Fair the handsome Indiana building will soon receive its finishing touches. This $40,000 structure in French renaissance is but part of Indiana's $200,000 representation at the greatest Exposition of the age. September 15 will be Indiana Day at the World's Fair.

Many cities and towns on the Pennsylvania-Vandalia Lines in Indiana are within a few hours of the big Fair, which opens at St. Louis next April 30. Forty-five of the ninety-two counties of Indiana are traversed by this railroad. A striking feature of the preparations for the Universal Exposition is the extension of the St. Louis train service on the Pennsylvania-Vandalia. A recent addition is the World's Fair Express which leaves Richmond at 10 10 p. m., St. Indian-night, reaching St. Louis in the morning. Other fast express trains for St. Louis leave Richmond at 4.45 a. m., 10.15 a. m., 1.25 p. m. and 10.10 p. m.; Indianapolis at 7 o'clock a. m., 12.15 noon, 3.30 p. m., and 12.25 at night. During the Exposition season from April to December, this service will be increased as occasions warrant.

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The dining car superintendents held a convention in Chicago recently where, among other subjects, the complexion of the waiters for dining cars was discussed. One or two superintendents gave the colored waiters several hard raps; therefore it will behoove the dining car waiters to be on their merits at all times.

A recent editorial in the Hotel World says: "The colored race is preparing to erect a large hotel in St, Louis, designed for their people only. It should be an unrublished rule of the house to report all rooms full should any one of different color ever knock at the front door."

The editor of the World fails to note the fact that there are so many different shades of colors among our race until it is hard to distinguish us by color. And, too, we can't afford to even attempt to retaliate every wrong heaped upon us by our white brother; if we did there would be a terrible carnage. But this is the United States. If it was England, France or Germany we would be secured in our rights.

The Iroquois Theater burned in Chicago the last day in Christmas and about 600 people, mostly women and children, were killed and many injured. Among the victims of the Iroquois was F. R Barnheisel, president of the Kohlsaat Bakery Co., and general manager of all the Kohsaat lunch counters in Chicago. Mr. Barnheisel had been with the company for years, having worked his way up to president and general manager Mr. Barnheisel was always prejudiced against colored waiters, and years ago stated that if he ever got the power he would put every colored waiter out. Only the influence of H. H. Kohlsaat has kept the colored boys in the lunch counters. It is said that it was the underhand work of Mr, Barnheisel which caused the colored boys to become dissatisfied and go out on a strike recently. The result of the strike placed Barnheisel in position to supplant colored waiters with white waiters. Mr. Barnheisel will be missed by the colored waiters.

The year 1903 has faded away, and is now a matter of history and reflections. A retrospection of the past year presents a gloomy outlook for the colored people in the United States. A wave of race prejudice has swept the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific leaving death and destruction in its path. Colored men and women have been lynched and burned in both the North and South for all manner of frivolties, while the law has stood supinely by and looked on. Illinois is as guilty as Alabama, and Kansas as guilty as Delaware. The following revelry of crime is a disgrace to the civilized world:

The lynchings reported for 1902 showed a decreaso of twenty-nine as compared with those of 1901, but the last yoar they have increased again, the list standing 104 for 1903, as compared with 96 in 1902.

Of these lynchings 12 occurred in the North and 92 in the South. Of the total number 86 were Negroes, 17 whites and one Chinaman. One woman was lynched in Mississippi and one in Louisiana. The alleged crimes were as follows: Murder, 47; criminal assault, 11; attempted criminal assault, 10; murderous assault, 7; unknown offenses, 5; race prejudice, 5: complicity in murder, 5; arson, 4; suspicion of murder, 3; mistaken identity, 3; insults to whites, 2; making threats, 1; refusing to give information, 1..

The number of legal executions in 1903 was 123, as compared with 144 in 1902, 118 in 1901 and 119 in 1900. There were 77 hanged in the South and 47 in the North, of whom 63 were whites and 60 blacks The crimes for which they were executed were murder, 115; criminal assault, 6; attempted criminal assault, 1; highway robbery, 1.

Minneapolis Notes.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—The Minneapolis Commercial Club thinks well of its employes. There was a purse of eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars raised and divided among the employes. The fifteen dinner waiters presented the headwaiter, Mr. C. W. Dwyer, a purse, the price of a silk hat, and a gold-headed cane. The headwaiter is well thought of by both employer and his crew. It is whispered around that the regular waiters are planning a present for New Years to lay over the dinner men. Mr. Dwyer and crew are pleasing the people. Mr. Sam Crawford, J. W. Scott and A. B. Hamilton, head, second and third waiters of West Hotel, were taken care of nicely by both employer and crew. The proprietor, C. H. Wood, took good care of all the waiters and employes of the place. Mr. Charles Saunders is assisting Mr. Dwyer at the Commercial Club at present, but will leave for Hot Springs, Ark., with a crew for the Eastman Hotel.

A Few Pointers About the World's Fair City.

I have written with the view of trying to inform the outside public, especially waiters, of the true condition and outlook during the coming great World's Fair. At this writing, I must say, the greatest drawback to the prosperity of the colored waiters in this city is due to the fact that no one is here as their special representative, soliciting for them such of the work that will be given out from now on. There is no need of believing that as much cannot be done here in favor of the colored waiters as at any other of the great expositions; but they should have some one here to intercede for them as in the case of the white waiter. There will be any number of small places and large ones too springing into existence in the next three months. The World's Fair will have more restaurants than any of the other great expositions, and will require more help, but the white waiter is making a bid for the best places, and only in case they fail or some unforseen trouble arises that the Negro can hope to gain a foothold without a representative, who will bend all his energy to secure work for them.

This will be a great fair, larger than four of the previous great expositions, namely, the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, the Paris International Exposition at Paris, France, the Trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha, Neb., and the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N, Y., and cost something over ten million dollars more than the Chicago Fair of 1893.

Now, of the hotels, I will mention those well established where there is not the least likelihood of a change in favor of either class of waiters. The Southern Hotel employ forty-five white waiters and they are a permanent fixture. The New Planters Hotel also employ fifty white waiters, and there is not the least possibility of a change. The Laclede Hotel, another old and well established hotel in the downtown district, employ about twenty-five colored waiters at $30 per month, all arm work, and it is said to be a very hard place to work. Many waiters class it with such places as Burke & Milans, Chicago, Ill. The Lindell Hotel, an old landmark, also in the downtown district employ white waiters. They put in colored bell boys last spring, and some of the local talent predict a change to colored waiters in the near future, but there need be no credit paid to any such rumors. The West End Hotel, situated in the western suburbs of the city, is one of the fine residental hotels of the city that employ colored waiters since the opening some five or six years ago. They pay waiters $30 per month, and employ about twenty-three to twenty-eight regular men. The Monticellio Hotel, corner West Pine and King's highway, is another of the well established residental hotels of the West End. The salary is the smallest of hotels employing colored waiters, $24 per month, and employ about fifteen men. This hotel has a reputation for the fighting qualities of its waiters. No headwaiter has left this hotel of his own will—most of them have been nearly beat to death by some vicious fighting waiter, and upon recovery find his job gone. Mr. Sawyer Walker, Detroit, Mich., and Mr. John Uhrea, Dallas, Texas, are two of the latest victims. The Westmoreland Hotel, corner Taylor and Maryland Ave., is comparatively a new hotel, open about two years. They employ ten colored waiters and pay $30 per month and room. The Beer's Hotel, corner 36th street and Grand avenue, is an old established hotel of the West End, employ twelve colored waiters, and pay $30 per month and room. The Franklin Hotel is a small hotel, employing six to eight colored waiters at $28 per month and room. The Berlin Hotel is another hotel of the same class, only of a later build and little more pretentious. They have eight colored waiters at $25 per month. The Usona Hotel is also of this class, employing eight colored waiters at $25 per month, and there is a number of small hotels, such as mentioned.

Now, of the new and modern hotels, the new Jefferson Hotel, corner Twelfth street and Locust avenue, stands at the top of the list. It is a beautiful hotel structure, one of the most imposing in the city, twelve stories with five hundred rooms, and will open to the public May 1st, Mr. Lyman T. Hay of Hot Springs, Ark., manager; Mr. John Tellman of the Arlington Hotel, same city, as steward. It is said on good authority, and I wish it was not true, that no colored waiters will be employed. This is to be much regretted, as Negro hope had centered on this hotel as a redeeming feature in hotel circles of the city The next hotel of importance is the new Hamilton Hotel, corner of Hamilton and West Maple avenues. This hotel, while not large, having only two hundred and eight rooms, is one of the most elaborately furnished in the city, and caters only to the most select and exclusive set. It is situated within ten minute's walk of the main entrance to the World's Fair, and employ colored waiters at $30 per month and room. The Washington Hotel, corner Washington avenue and King's highway, is another of the new hotels opened to the public last September; it is seven stories and a monument of beauty and solidity. Only white help are employed. The new Buckingham, now under construction at the corner of West Pine and King's highway, right opposite the Monticellio Hotel, will be open to the public May 1, 1904, is seven stories and has three hundred and fifty rooms; will be conducted club style. Mr. Note E. Sage will be manager, and any matter addressed to him at this season will certainly receive attention, although he may have promised white waiters to employ them. The Napoleon Bonepart Hotel is a temporary hotel, being built for the accommodation of fair visitors and will have 1500 rooms, located near one of the principal entrances to the World's Fair. The Grand View Hotel when complete will have one thousand rooms, and will be conducted strictly on the European plan. It is also located right opposite one of the main entrances of the fair. The last and biggest of them all is the "Inside Inn," the only hotel within the grounds of the World's Fair. It will cover a lot 400x800 feet, will be three stories high, and contain 2,257 sleeping rooms, 500 with baths. It will be operated on both plans, the daily rates to include admission to the exposition. It will be the biggest hotel in the world. Mr. E M. Statler of Buffalo, N. Y., will manage it, and there is not a possibility of colored waiters getting into this hotel as Mr. Statler employed girls at his great hotel at Buffalo, and pronounced them to be most satisfactory in every way,

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Boston is settling its servant girl problem by taking servant men, who, according to the experience of some, are to be preferred over the girls. But that sounds very much like the sour grapes story. At any rate, the man servant is supplanting the women in Boston. They are Negroes, Swedes, Japanese, Americans, Chinese and French, as the rule, with the Negro as the prime favorite, the Japanese being very close rivals. The Chinese are already a peril in the extreme West, and especially in California, where the servant girl is hardly known. There they do not turn into bar-maids as they do in England. but must become early wives or stay ladies at their homes, those who fail to get education sufficient for lighter employment. A few years ago colored girls could be depended on as good servants, but society has had something to do in dividing them into classes very much to the disadvantage of the "kitchen mechanic" until in these days many would rather eke out a doubtful existence trying to be counted on the other side. Where parents can suitably provide for the girls the thought of a certain line of work perhaps should not be encouraged, but that line ought not to be drawn too rigidly on the kitchen. The kitchen is the university of household economics; the house depends on the kitchen; while hidden in the rear, insignificant and often uninviting, yet it is the greatest consumer of any department. "I can cook" isn't it by any means; the stove can also cook. The young woman that is afraid to step boldly in the kitchen and declare it to be the base of operation fails to view the situation aright. It does not mean that the kitchen is to be her home, but the best should serve an apprenticeship in it. The experience and information gained will never do harm. while the chances for doing good is largely in its favor.

The knowledge of the death of Col. W. A. Pledger of Atlanta, Ga., last week, was quite a shock to his many friends and acqaaintances throughout the Union. Col. Pledger was a picturesque old gentleman and politician of the old school, who rated his dignity at so much and never accepted a discount. For years Pledger has been a political leader in his State and in his section, a position he held until the end aided by his journal, the Atlanta Age. He attended the Afro-American Council held in this city several years ago. The Freeman extends sympathy to his family.

It is said that Margaret Field of DesMoines, Iowa, played too well at the Eisteddford; so well that she won the prize, but the judges were white persons who would not allow the prize to go to her because she was colored. It looks like a case of aggravated race prejudice, but it appears so simply because it occurred in an unexpected place and under unusual circumstances. The lady is said to be quite crushed by the experience, but if she has the ability and not threatened with starvation it ought to keep her above the decision of judges with notions.

The New Year's edition of the Palladium of St. Louis is in pamphlet style; it is filled with useful information concerning the leading people and institutions.

It will be admitted that the tipping system is bad enough when one's comfort and the attention paid depend upon it. But what's to be done about it? One of those discussing the question the other day insisted that the waiters were sufficiently paid without the tips. In the waiter's defense it might be said if it were not for his tips he couldn't live at all.

According to a Philadelphia paper Miss Myrtle Hart of Indianapolis has had nothing short of a musical triumph in the East. An excellent likeness of Miss Hart with her harp appeared in a recent issue of the Tribune of that city. It is not much to say that the young lady stands with the front of her profession.

Mr. Thomas T. Taggart is being played big for chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee. We cheerfully recommend him as the greatest thing that ever happened in his party. When he fails to deliver the goods it can't be done.

It is reported that Governor Durbin told President Roosevelt that Indiana was for Hanna. "Don't that kill you?" It sounds like a rank fake. If it should be true the President doubtless felt some satisfaction in knowing that Indiana is not the whole show.

It appears that the Kentucky Standard is in the dark on that Negro daily for Louisville, Ky. It says in a recent issue, "Let us hope that the year 1904 will see the establishment of a daily in Louisville."

The Emerys' of Ohio have decided to build a second dormitory at Tuskegee. The howlers may as well cease howling, Mr. Booker T. is here to stay.

Judging by Miss Marguerite's picture she is not only talented, but pretty; you'll do, Marguerite, in spite of the judges of the sangerfest.

Colored people will be appreciated when they appreciate one another. Many think they do, but apply the tests if you please.

Harry B. Smith has the tenacity of a wood chuck in his effort to be county chairman. Let him have it; he has earned it.

It high time to cut out wars. One man's life to him and his family is worth the whole of Manchuria and Korea to boot.

Egg-nog was said to have been a luxury for the Kentuckians this year; eggs were seventy cents a dozen.

Uneasy rests the head that wears a crown, Mr. Keach. Mr. Keach resigned his club in a huff; it sat on him.

The South African Christian Recorder now comes in all English. It came in something else formerly.

The Ohio Legislature has two colored men as clerks. Let us see, Indiana had—well don't mention it.

Perhaps the New York close communion aggregation will be known as the Know Nothing Party.

Willie Hearst's candidacy for the presidency will advertise his "yaller" journals at any rate.

The colored people will have to get an Eisteddford of its own for the Margaret Fields.

Two of the sable sons of Ham recently fought a duel in Memphis, Tenn.

There are two sides to the tipping questions.

PENCILINGS.

By Will M. Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

The center of intellectual thought has been recently transferred to the Parker House, a hostelry which is gaining fame for its excellent cuisine and also for the homelike hospitality. "Homelike hospitality"—well that depends. At any rate the phrase is associated with the best, like the "pies that mother made," but it stands to reason that the homelike hospitality and that pie "gag" has been worked most unduly.

The wife came before the mother when it comes to that pie business. In the language of Chas. Stapp they are "one and the same" people. "One and the same" is what? a provincialism, localism or an individualism? Some people are given to changing their subjects quite as often as I have changed mine within the given time; they make me tired. No matter what the discourse may be, whether on the nebular hypothesis or greens and hog jowl, it jumps along in a fashion that a chased frog might envy. I always feel like prescribing for them along the lines of metaphysics, but then I suspect the diagnosis should call for a prescription along the lines of common sense.

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But to return to my mutton: The tendency toward a literary renaissance, a revival of the spirit of letters, the invocation of the shades of the erstwhile literary colossi as inspiration is now noted especially among the men, the younger men as well as the older ones. At one time there was a mania for establishing libraries and also reading them, but now none is so poor as to do them reverence. The statement is scarcely an exaggeration. The Parker House set composed of editors, doctors, lawyers, government employes, proprietors of stores, clerks, captains, lieutenants, teachers and general newspaper people is taking on literature with a vengeance as if they meant to make up for the delinquent past. These are manifesting an unusual interest in current topics, most of which call for a certain class of knowledge, which drives them to books and papers if they hope to appear intelligent. If the strenuousness is kept up I opine that eye glasses will be in much greater demand than heretofore.

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The discussion last week was on the Bible. Cable, as usual, was right amid the cabal, and that to lead. He says that he believes as much of it as he cares to, and the remainder—well, he passes that up. He is not alone. In a recent issue of the Literary Digest was seen the views of leading men in the Christian world, who hold that many stories of the Bible are for teaching and not intended as truths or truthful state- "Jonah and the whale" is not, they say to be literally construed, nor is the story of Job with his monumental patience. So the little Parker House confab is right in it as to current topics and just a trifle heretic also; I mean religious irregularity. I must confess cowardice here. I am orthodox. But is that cowardice? Answer, ye who will.

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Mr. J. D. Howard, one of the bright lights of the Parker House set, is decidedly in the embryo state, religiously speaking. Very much like Disraeli's Lothair; he is in the hands of his religious friends. What he will be in the winding up is by no means certain. He, like many others, is trying to measure an infinite God by finite man, believing only that which can be plumbed by the human mind, regardless of the fact that behind the man stands the maker. Man cannot make a single tree in a thousand years, yet they are as plentiful as the grass. Who made the trees and started the saps, those microscopic streams that surge, filled with the countless lives, all making good the greater existence the thing for which they were created? And man? What of him? At the last account he was still on the Lord's side, but he may be marked down as doubtful in the religious poll books.

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Oscar Tyree is somewhat of a Shakespeare scholar and an authority on Napoleon Bonaparte. His forte is his memory; he is one of those old young men, the very opposite of "me." In astrology they would advise that we be mixed and divided by two, the result would be the normal man; we were born in the wrong signs. I used to know a little girl who was so very fine that I used to say to her that I wished her no harm, but in event she died, as was said of Juliet, she should be ground up into powder and sprinkled over the other girls to make them fine; and, strange enough, the other girls didn't like it a bit. You need not try to guess who she is, for you'll never know. But I am getting vagrant—reminiscent. Mr. Tyree is up on Napoleon, general history and the better class literature. His defect is that he has mapped out an empire that he wobbles in, but which he will fit by and by. Then ye gods and little fishes, look wild!

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Mr. Sandford Yopp, the new Y. M. C. A. secretary, is a very welcome addition to the Parker House literary cult. But the chances are he will be more often soliciting a member than anything else. He is wise there. Mr. Yopp, from what is seen and from information, is a fine young fellow of New York State, from the home of that capitol noted for its great cost and jobbery. But that has nothing to do with Mr. Yopp, who is warm and sociable, the other names for magnetism, the qualities needed to attract and to hold. Much is predicted of the young man. His calendar exhibit was pretty and new to us and highly successful. He is not ashamed of his job of being a Christian and leading a Christian body.

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Captain Buckner is one of the sturdy characters of the Parker House. In the language of Wall street, he is long on politics. He is not particular who he votes for. The captain is no tin soldier; he did his best to get at 'em; he gets credit for that.

RACE GLEANINGS.

The Voice of the Negro, of Atlanta Ga., is an illustrated monthly magazine that has just been issued.

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The Educational Appeal, edited by the Lady President Temperance, Industrial and Collegiate Institute, Mrs. Rosa E. Smallwood and the Rev. J. A. White, professor in Latin and industrial science, is a clean, bold, high-class Negro paper. The editor and the paper deserve the encouragement of all.

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The Emory family of Ohio have, within the last twelve months, given the money for the erection of a large brick dormitory for boys at the Tuskegee Institute, and within the last few days have informed the trustees that they have decided to erect a second dormitory for the Tuskegee Institute.

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The trustees of Trinity College, Raleigh, N. C., voted 18 to 7 not to accept the resignation of Dr. John S. Bassett, professor of history, who has been bitterly attacked in Southern newspapers because of a eulogy on Booker T. Washington contained in a recent magazine article written by Dr. Bassett.

Young Sanders, son of Mr. H. L. Sanders, our leading business man, is as yet an ornamental member; he's young, but very willing.

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Dr. Ward, Gurley Brewer and Mr. Walter Chenault are habitues of the place. Mr. Chenault is a new one, but not a "dead un"; he is a scholar with a predelection for mathematics. He says he will finish his collegiate course.

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ington, but it is the discovery of what is right and best and how to use it. Let all who are willing to do so to except the teachings of Dr. Washington as final authority and let those who hold other beliefs advocate them as decently an defficient as does Dr. Washington.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.

Co. L Banquet and Ball.

Jacksonville, Ill., Special.—The Mt. Emery Baptist Sunday-school gave a grand concert and Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Everybody enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Dude Price and her grandmother have returned to help enjoy the holidays. Mrs. Laura Lafayette and little daughter have returned from Springfield, where they have been spending the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parish of South West street are the smiling parents of a 10 pound daughter. The A. M. E. church had their regular Christmas tree and musical program. Mrs. Flora Mathews is confined at her home with pneumonia. Mr. Will Wilkinson and Mr. Franklin of West Lafayette avenue are patients at the hospital. Mr. Williams made a flying trip to one of the most delightful social events of the holiday season. It was the dance given at Co. I Hall on South Main street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d, by Co. L, 8th Regiment. There were about one hundred couple who mingled in the dizzy maze of the waltz and two-step. The dancing began at 8:30, and the home, sweet home waltz was played at 12:15 There were twenty-three numbers on the program and Prof. Arnet's orchestra furnished the music. The menu was furnished by Mr. Willis.

Columbia News.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—An elaborate parlor entertainment was given by Miss G. A. Foster Thursday night, January 7th, at the First Baptist Church. A drama, entitled "Ruined by Drink," will be given at some future date at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Austin Brown, proprietor of the Palace Lunch Room, desires the patronage of all colored friends. Emancipation was celebrated January 1st by the G. A. R.'s at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church. Several excellent addresses were delivered by Messrs Harden, Gilmore and Gordon. Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson, of Texas, was the guest of her brother, Charles Weatherspoon, recently. They had not seen each other in 49 years. A pretty wedding, though quietly solemnized, was that of Miss Mary McCarrol and Henry Patton, of Chicago, at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Ward. Procure a copy of The Freeman from Allen C. Nicholson, agent.

The State Teachers' Association of Kentucky, composed exclusively of colored members, held its twenty-seventh annual sessions in Louisville during the holidays. Mr. C. F. Sneed, formerly of the Indianapolis schools, was one among those appearing on the program; his subject, "How may training of school and life be correlated?" The banquet given by the Louisville teachers to the visiting teachers was the enjoyable close of what was held to be profitable sessions, at which function the genial Prof. W. H. Perry presided. Profs A. E. Meyzeek, J. S. Hathaway and Mrs. Lavina B. Sneed were among those that responded to the toastmaster's call.

The Freeman, as admitted by all Negro newspapers, is the peer of weekly journals. Are you a subscriber? If not, why not?

TESTIMONIAL.

Mrs. Janey Williams of Johnsville, Ark., writes Dec. 10th, 1903, the following letter.—I have used the Original Ozonized Ox Marrow and have found it to do more than it is recommended to do. It stops the hair from falling out and breaking off and cleans the scalp and makes the hair soft, pliable and glossy. Please forward me two bottles. Inclosed find money order for same. Please give this order prompt attention and oblige——. Send us 50 cents and we will ship you a bottle, express paid. Address, The Ozonized Ox Marrow Co., 76 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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Martha B. Washington vs Jesse James Washington } State of Indiana, Marion Co. ss.: in the Circuit Court of Marion County in the State of Indiana. No. 13066 Complaint Divorce

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 7 day of Jan, 1904 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Jesse James Washington and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that said defendant Jesse James Washington is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of March, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur hereto, at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of March 1904, the same being the 30th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence

WM. E DAVIS, Clerk.

J. T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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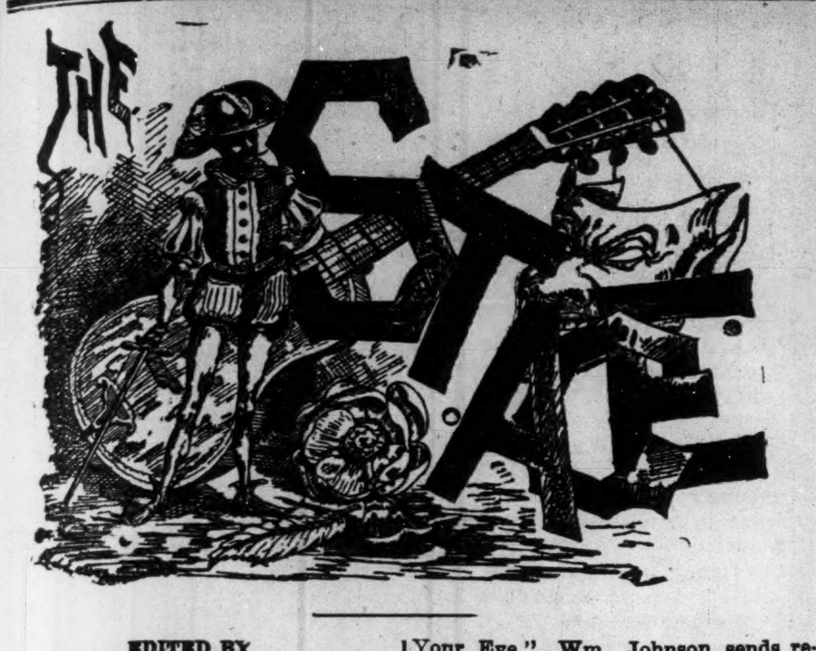

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NASHVILLE STUDENTS P. G. LOWERY—Lamar, Mo., Jan. 18; Webb City, 19; Granby, 20; Eureka Springs, Ark., 21; Rodgers, 22; Benton, 23.

BILLY KERSANDS' Big Colored Minstrels.—Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 18; Pulaski, 19; Roanoke, 20; Staunton, 21; Charlottsville, 22; Richmond, 23.

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A RABBIT'S FOOT CO.—St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18; Palatka, 19.

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Herbert La She is at his home at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fidler send congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Craig.

Oscar Paul, Harry Simmons, Clarence Bowen and G. A. Williams, members of the Manila Four with the Great Lafayette show, will be in Indianapolis next week.

The Manilla Four, Simmons, Bowen, Hillman and Paul, and Misses Emma Thompson and Juanita Lee, members of the LaFayette Show, played Louisville, Ky., this week.

Will Smith of the Hottest Coon Show No. 2, sends regards to J. Ed. Green, Henry Troy, Blue Johnson and wife, also Morgan Prince. He says, I've got the goods now and am getting mine.

George L. Moxley, the veteran minstrel, wishes a merry and successful new year to the colored profession. Personal regards to Goff, Kennedy, Billy Kersands, Sam Lucas, Tom Logan, Billy Young, Leroy Bland and Dick Weston.

Geo. A. Swain, late of Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession and wishes them a Happy New Year. At present keeping restaurant and lodging house, Cranbrook, B. C. All friends write. Doing nicely, thank you.

Mrs. Alberta Ormes Dudley will leave the Richard & Pringle's famous Georgia Minstrel Saturday at Newton, Kan., and return to Chicago, Ill., as she has been on the sick list for the past four weeks so that her health won't permit her to make the Western trip with the company.

Notes of Culligans Alabama Minstrel Co.—Business is good. We are now in the state of Nebraska, and we are packing them to the door. Wm. A. Thomas, our comedian, is back with us once more, and he is looking the picture of good health. The Clarks, S. H. and Leah, are the hit on the bill. Albert Hutt is singing "Show the White of Your Eye." Wm. Johnson sends regards to Ambros Davis and A. D. Sawyer Grace Hoyet and W. B. West, why don't you write?

"Shore Acres," one of the oldest and best of American pastoral plays, comes to the Park theatre next Monday afternoon for three days. It is the play made famous by James Herne and has always been marked by elaborate scenery. Its characters are of the homely type and some of the original members of the company are still in the cast. This will be the first engagement of the play here at popular prices. "Happy Hooligan," a rollicking farce comedy, rich in tuneful music, gay costumes and specialities, will be at the Park the last half of the week.

Shreveport, La., Notes from the Imperial Concert Hall.—Cross and Cross closed with the Cosmopolitan Carnival Company, Dec. 24, 1903, Marksville, La., after 10 weeks work of very good success. They are now making good at Shreveport, La, with large crowds nightly at the above named concert hall. George Neil manager and owner of concert hall is well pleased with the Crosses work and have had them sign a contract for 3 months with him, of which, in that length of time they will over make good. They send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Hello, S. T. Dunmore, let me hear from you.

Notes from the Hottest Coon in Dixie No. 2.—We opened the 6th to S. R. O., Covington, Tenn. The show is going good. Our roster: Raleigh W. Thompson, amusement director; Will Smith, assistant stage manager; G. Lloyd McClain, Lillie Cloud, Marie Heater, Violet Muellen, Edward Heater, Aaron Pace, H. Kid Love, James A. Terrell. Raleigh W. Thompson as Rastus, H. Kid Love as Rufus are knocking them with their comedy, while Edward Heater as Uncle Thomas, instructs officer McClain to keep his eye on Rastus and Rufus. Will Smith, the phenomenal boy baritone, is scoring a hit singing illustrated songs, being a feature of the show. Raleigh and company sends regards to J. Ed Green, John Green, Net and Bessie also Blue Johnson and wife.

It is a positive fact that S. H. Dudley, the "Lone Star" comedian and author, who is now starring with the Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels, will retire from the stage after this season on account of bad health and go into business, but he has not decided as yet where he will locate. He has had several offers for next seaton, but his health won't permit him to travel. He seems to think if he could rest up for two or three seasons he could regain his health again and return back to the stage with what reputation he has already made for himself and set a warm pace again. His partner, Dude Kelley, will also retire from the stage, and should they ever decide to return to the stage again the team of Dudley and Kelley will be a drawing card as they will return with the goods and know just how to deliver them to the public.

Notes of the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co.—The No. 1 company closed in Little Rock, Ark., January 9. Williams and Stevens and a few more are already booked with the New Orleans Minstrel for the balance of the season. We arrived in Ruston, La, on the 4th of January. Two of the None-Such Club of Allen's show came over and took Williams and Stevens and A. Hutchison with them to Camron, La., where they were banquetted by the None-Such Club with the managers at the head. It was a grand affair, and one that will long be remembered. This is the third banquet given by the None-Such Club of the New Orleans Minstrel. Each has been a success. They have the good wishes of the team of Williams and Steavens, also of the entire members of the Hottest Coon in Dixie Co. May they live long and prosper.

John W. Carson writes: The Original Nashville Students are meeting with great success through Southern Missouri. All are well and send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Messrs. Hathaway, Baker and P. G. Lowery, our genial managers, spare no paines to make our car a home to be proud of, and we highly appreciate their generosity. Our show is composed of all good talent, each receiving their encores nightly. Sam Lucas is still taking them with his monologue. Miss Pearl Crawford, one of America's greatest prima donnas, is certainly a character to be proud of. The Crosbys, Harry and Oma, come in equally for their share. Ike McBeard turns the house upside down with the song on the back of the program. Miss Essie Williams is making quite a hit singing "Show the White of Your Eye." Miss Sallie Lee is not to be forgotten with her "Water Million Boy." Mr. Gambetta Garrett gives them all a good time with "The Gal from Cuba" and "You Don't Need Nothing for Your Nerves." P. G. Lowery says: "Friends, I am playing more cornet this season than I ever played in my whole life, and as for the band I am certainly proud of it. Every member is an artist, especially the battery, Messrs. Carson and Elliott. I don't only speak of these facts, but musicians throughout give me praises for picking a good foundation for the band, something seldom done by band masters. Too much cannot be said of little Geo. McDade, the youngest and most efficient leader of our orchestra." Sam Lucas sends regards to Daddy Love. Johnnie L. Jones says hello Jeff Smith, Charles B. Foster and all Cincinnati friends Gambetta Garrett sends regards to Dan Washington. J. W. Carson sends regards to Wm. A. Cook and Tack Crossen. The entire company sends regards to Pap and Mam Adams.

Montgomery, Ala., Notes from the Famous Billy Kersands' Minstrells—We are still among the progessive quietly getting ours and making good everywhere with both managers and public, the managers claim that our show is the most pleasing show they have booked for many days. Kid Langford and Cook, Jones and Camron, Dave D. Smith and Harry Morton, are the principal fun-makers of the first part and they certainly please as they are occasionally assisted by the king of laughmakers, Billy Kersands. Mr. Craig, the world's renouned contortionist, is now home for a few days visiting his family in Chicago, Ill. Since his arrival he has become the father of a bouncing girl of 10 pounds. The last report the girl and mother were both in the best of health. Mr. Craig was to join the company in Montgomery, but being so elated over his New Year's gift, he wires us for more route in consequence we expect him to rejoin the company a few days later. The entire company sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Craig and daughter, wishing them ever success. James S. Lacy's band and orchestra are making tremendous hits all along the line with perfect ease; both managers and press claim he has the best in the minstrel line. Mr. Lacy sends regards to all the profession wishing all well and a Happy New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Kersands offers a reward for the whereabouts of Dick Thomas our little baby basso. Jakie Smith is in fine health and sends regards to all his friends in Chicago and on the road. E. J. Burton, leader of the famous Alabama Quartette has been under the weather a little for a few days but is on the mend. He sends regards to Charles T. Watts, John E. Jackson and James P. Jones, and the entire Kersands company sends their best to Bailey and Spiller and wish they could see the show, also wish both success. Our company was well entertained in Greenville, Miss., by our friend Robert Leach, who is doing fine with a band and orchestra. The Housley Bros., are doing fine and send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. They are daily meeting home acquaintances more than they ever met during their travels, nearly every day they are meeting playmates of Natchez. The entire company sends regards to H. L. Houseley and family of 347 State street, West Philadelphia, Pa., wishing them a happy New Year and a prosperous future.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN.

DEAR SIR:—In the Smart Set's six months of its season it has traveled 11,000 miles; it is considered one of the greatest successes, and the best managed colored show ever organized. The managers, Moore and Billy McClain, gave the company a Christmas that a king might have envied. After dinner speeches by Messrs Hall, Pierce, Green, McIntosh, Young and Mesdames McClain and Chenault were a part of the program. Mr. Moore aroused enthusiasm when he said: "I am proud to be the manager of such an organization, which, through the efforts of Mr. McClain, has grown to giant success." He spoke of the vast improvement of the opening of the third act. His remarks were followed by those of the high priest of the show cult, the indomitable McClain. "Ladies and gentlemen," says he, "after listening to such brilliant speeches from such an array of talent I am at a loss for fitting words to cope with the oratorical eloquence heard, but my opinion as to the stage is: that the public wants as good work and methods in musical comedy as it does in any branch of the drama. Since I have been on the stage I have put forward my best efforts, but I had difficulties in my younger days. I had no easy time in landing this show, but with bull dog tenacity that would not take no for an answer I finally persuaded Messrs Hill and Cooley to invest. I was willing to sarifice five years of my life if it was not a success. I knew what I had, but the thing was to convince the managers and public. If you have the goods, regardless of color, your success is sure, if you play fair. This is twelve years for me in this business. I have never made spasmodic spurts. I have been gradually coming until I have made my personality now stand out beyond possible harm.

My sole intention is to fight when I come into the theatre—fight to make and achieve success for the manager, public and company as well as for myself, feeling that by so doing success must come. I must confess that it did appear as if it all was over with me at one time, owing to confidence placed elsewhere and lost, (all look alike.) But thank God I have lived to wipe that out and proved to them that there are colored business men that do business, and I helped demonstrate that by quelling a riot on the stage in Birmingham, Ala.

I conclude by saying whatever your station in life may be, if your duty is worth performing, do it well, when the best is done in him or her all honor lie, they can do no more. So at our expense, Mr. Morris' and your humble servant's, enjoy yourself to the fullest extent."

Mr. Editor:—I take this opportunity to say that Mr. McClain's methods are mottos that should guide careless, negligent, thoughtless and unconcerned performers. I remain yours as Big 4.

ZEEK BLOSSOM.

Notes of the Black Patti Troubadours.—Since our last writing the state of buiness has been remarkably good throughout Texas and Arkansas, playing to standing roem only in many of our one night stands. The company, by the citizens of Houston, San Antonio Greenville, Dallas, Gainesville and Sherman, were tendered receptions, Mexican dinners and soirees abundantly, showing fully well that the appreciation of the public was still extant to the Black Patti Troubadours. Black Patti, Mme. Sisseretta Jones, was the recipient of many costly presents, among which were: One sable fox muff, one gold handled umbrella, one cut glass powder box, one silver jewell case, case, one gold thimble, one silver sugar bowl, one handsome diamond ring set with thirty diamonds, valued at $450 and others too numerous to mention. Leslie Triplett, the Afro Irsh policeman is again on the sick list, having been bitten through the fore finger by our bull dog during a stage performance at Opalousas, La., the 24 ult. Al Watts, our affable stage manager, since his return to our midst has reconstructed "Darktown's Circus Day" with many new dance and interpolations, much to the satisfaction of our managers, Messrs Voelkel and Nolan. Misses Georgie Hooper and Amy Smith are on the sick list, while Ada E. Robinson is rapidly recovering. Bob A. Kelley, our leading comedian, is still creating a furore in his new crisp monologue the same as he did in New York City. It is needless for any one to try to display in words Mr. Kelley's original characteristics, as the press and public throughout the universe have been high in his praises for many years, as he is termed "natures born comedian. He has a keen perception of what constitutes true character portraiture, and a sense of fitness which saves him from exaggerations and caricatures which mar so may personations by thoughtless old man impersonators. Chas. Bougia, our new "Chesterfield," sends his regards to Dale's Troubadours also Mr. and Mrs. Salem Tutt Whitney. R. Volekel, our genial proprietor and manager, termed by the boys "The Man With Money," returned to the company in Galveston the 28 ult, after a three weeks sojourn in Hot Springs, Ark., and was heartily welcomed by the company upon his arrival.

WHAT THE CHICAGO FIRE TEACHES.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Following the awful horrors of fire and especially a large theatre fire, we are bound to halt and whisper to ourselves, in tones of unspeakable anguish; "What has been the cause of such a terrible catastrophe?" We wonder in our minds whether such a dreadful loss of life could not have been averted, or if the proper rules and regulations were really enforced by the chief executives of the theatre—rather than have every thing blamed on the poor stage hands and theatre employees who happened to escape, and whose lives were quite as dear to them as other lives when thrown in jeopardy. The fire proof curtain failed to work and everybody can have their own opinion about the rest of the mishaps if they choose.

The disposition of heaping the blame of these terrible, uncertain disasters at the doors of the poor employees is no indication of justice where money rules and the poor suffer the penalty, and the rich go free.

KLAW AND ERLANGER'S PLEA.

There is nothing significient in a statement when it falls short of the very facts which have been published regarding the Iroquois theatre fire of recent date in Chicago.

Klaw & Erlanger, the responsible proprietors of that theatre, had a talk over the long distance telephone, according to account in the New York Evening Journal, which caused them to give out a statement headed: "No precaution overlooked." Be that as it may hundreds of unfortunate souls have wretchedly passed away. In their statement they speak of their own losses, and then mention: "We have, naturally, been overwhelmed by the contemplation of the unspeakable suffering in Chicago"—and it is quite natural that they were.

THE WORK OF THE MASTER

The death of Jerome Sykes, an actor who was starring under the management of Klaw & Erlanger, which occured in the same city, and whose burial took place just at the time of the fire, and the fact that the real origin of the fire is unknown could lead some of us to believe that such an accountable loss of wistful souls was the work of Almighty God.

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

The pride and riches of many people of the world has become so great that many of them have forgotten there is a God. But He is a jealous God and often does He send vengence among us that we my recognize his supreme power, and so honor him as the God who rules the Universe. It seems the richer people become the meaner they get. The poor may suffer and the oppressed may die for all they care, until some great calamity or destructive disease, sent by the Diety, awakens them with terror and consternation. Klaw & Earlanger, two rich successful managers, who belong to a race that has suffered much oppression, it will be remembered, drew the color line at their Broadway theatre in New York last winter during the engagement of Williams & Walker.

Information Wanted.

Mary L. Martin would like to hear of her brother, Lawrence Cheatham. Any information as to his whereabouts will be cheerfully received. Mary L. Martin, 10010 Fourteenth street, Birmingham, Alabama.

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By Our Special Correspondent

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Kentucky State Teachers Association at Louisville was the finest ever held in the grand old Commonwealth—if not, indeed, the finest and most enthusiastic educational rally ever held in the Middle West. The visitors were delighted with the bountiful hospitality of the Louisville people. Everybody kept "open house" throughout the week. Nothing was too good for the handsome women and manly men who are doing such a noble work in developing the minds and hearts of the boys and girls who are to control the destiny of the race tomorrow. The local arrangements were in the hands of most capable committees, headed by Profs W. H. Perry, A. E Meyzsek, F. S Delaney, C. W. Houser, Misses Mary Spratt Brown and S. Belle Alexander, and barring the fact that no hall could be found large enough to accommodate the vast throng of people who desired to attend the public exercises, there was no flaw in the work of these energetic ladies and gentlemen, and their co-laborers. The lack of hall space was a matter beyond their control, and offers a strenuous argument to the city's magnates in favor of a new hall for the use of just such gatherings, large enough to seat at least 2 000 persons.

President Frank L. Williams, of Covington, was the life of the gathering, and he performed his delicate but arduous duties with a tact, firmness and affability that dispatched business with speed and in order, yet kept everybody in an excellent humor. Mrs. L. V. Douglass was an efficient secretary. The main sessions were held at the Broadway A. M. E. Zion Church, with one visiting session on Tuesday evening at Quinn Chapel. The program was of an unusually attractive nature, abounding in wit, wisdom and eloquence, so varied as to afford interest, amusement and instruction in profitable and palatable proportions. The bright and particular stars of the occasion, of course, were Prof. G. W. Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, and Prof. L V. Dodge, of Berea College. Prof. Carver is an expert in scientific agriculture, and one of the very best in the country—so conceded by Secretary James Wilson and Chancellor Hill, of Georgia. His address on "Does Scientific Agriculture Pay?" answered the question in the affirmative, and the strong proof submitted left no room for doubt as to the value of a training for getting the best results out of the soil, and vividly demonstrated its need and place in the development of the Negro. Prof. Carver dwelt much upon the production of sweet potatoes. He distinguished himself not long ago in a scientific experiment by which he treated a single acre of ground and made it yield 266 bushels of sweet potatoes, clearing a net profit on the sale thereof of $121. This is especially remarkable in view of the fact that the average yield of sweet potatoes to the acre in the South where the experiment was tried is 37 bushels to the acre Prof. Carver made a deep impression upon all with whom he came in contact, and won many new friends for Tuskegee's practical system of instruction.

Prof. Kelly Miller's address on "Effective Education" was a crystallization of that gentleman's broad and comprehensive survey of the numerous phases of the race problem, and was far and away the best of his many splendid platform deliverances. He cleverly analyzed the Negro's elements of population, opportunities, and tendencies, and wisely balanced the scales of philosophy showing that industrial training and the higher education were interdependent forces in the racial uplift, each to be sustained by moral force to be truly effective. Influence of environment, natural adaptability and general conditions must all be weighed in taking up the work of making education effective. Prof. Miller held his audience spell-bound for an hour and a half, adding materially to his already enviable reputation as a masterful orator, finished scholar and profound thinker.

Prof. L. V. Dodge was heard to advantage on "Character Building." He was all the more a center of attraction by reason of his thirty years of beneficial work at historic Berea College, the only school in the Blue Grass State whose doors are open alike to the blacks and whites of both sexes, and that not a few of the teachers attending the association could proudly point to Berea as their alma matter. Prof. Reuben Post Halleck, principal of the Louisville male high school (white) spoke instructively on "Moral Training." Other speakers who delivered able addresses were Profs. J. S. Hathaway, of State Normal School, J. H Garvin, H. C. Jordan, C. C. Wakefield, A. E Meyzsek C. W. Houser, W. H. Perry, C. C. Monroe, C. H. Parrish, C. F. Sneed, J. S. Cotter, J. F. Owens, Mary Spratt Brown, C. W. Reynolds, G. P. Russell and still others.

Excellent music was furnished by the Treble Clef and the Oratorio Club. A photograph of the association was made during the session and it will be placed on exhibition at the St. Louis Exposition. Numerous entertainments were given by individual citizens, but the main social function was the great banquet Thursday evening at Odd Fellow's hall. Covers were laid for over 200 guestes, and visitors and "home folks" outdid themselves in exchanging felicitations over the happy results of the session and its stimulating effect upon the teaching corps all over the state, "from the mouth of the Big Sandy to the allurial plains of the Louisiana purchase." Louisville's one hundred and twelve teachers of the race by their faithful and productive labors in behalf of this meeting have established a record from which the educators of the entire Middle West may hereafter take their cue.

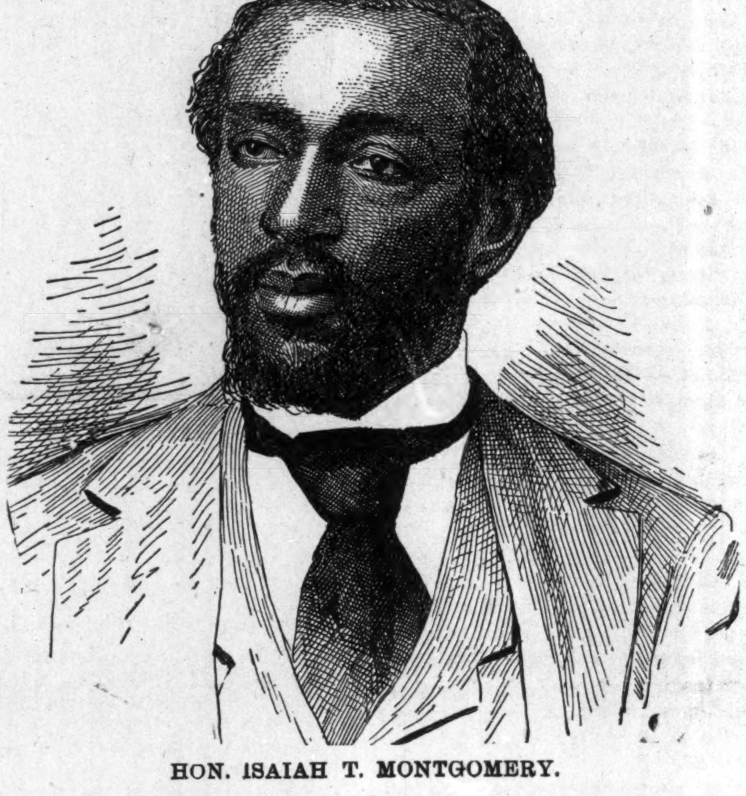
Bishop G. W. Clinton, one of the very ablest prelates of the A. M. E. Zion connection, and a man of affairs, whose words carry great weight everywhere because of the level-head and conservative judgment which guide his utterances, is preparing to go to Tuskegee Institute to deliver his annual series of lectures to the Phelps Hall Bible Training School. Concerning this famous institution Bishop Clinton said in a recent interview:

"Tuskegee Institute, in so far as its management and operation are concerned, is truly a school of the race, for the race and by the race. I have been in personal contact with the work since 1903, when I went there as a representative of our church to participate in the dedication of Phelps hall, in which the Bible training school is conducted, and where my lectures are delivered. I have noticed the work with the closest scrutiny and deepest interest from that time till now. The growth of the school in buildings and students, the large number of efficient instructors in the various departments, and the splendid work which is being done by both teachers and students furnish the strongest testimonial to the worth and achievements of the institution. I have been long convinced that the education of the Negro under well-equipped and earnest instructors of the race is the surest and quickest way of solving the race problem. Tuskegee confirms me in that opinion. The wisdom and splendid leadership of Dr Booker T. Washington are made more manifest in his tact and rare success in not only concerning a model institution for the production of live, capable and ambitious recruits for the world's industrial army, but in securing ideal assistants in helping him to carry on the prodigious work that he has developed at Tuskegee. There can be found all over the immense era of 2,700 acres, aside from the student body and regular teaching corps, a veritable bee-hive of busy and thoroughly equipped workers, who contribute more to the success of the great enterprise than is surmised by the transient visitor or casual observer."

Continuing, with that proverbially sunny smile and engaging manner which has won for him such a widespread popularity among all classes Bishop Clinton said:

"Dr. Washington's private secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, is one of the most efficient young men of the race. Although unassuming in every way, he is one of the most important factors in the business department of the school, and is to Dr. Washington what Mr. Cortelyou was to Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt—a trusted and well qualified aid who understands every detail of the work, is in the closest touch with his chief and deeply interested in the welfare of the great school as well as in the personal fortunes of the noble man to whom he has grown almost indispensable. In immediate touch with the Principal's office is that of Mr. Warren Logan, the treasurer, who, with his attaches, conducts one of the best offices of the kind in the South. One feels himself in the presence of a thorough business man when in Mr. Logan's office Mr. Roscoe Conkling Bruce, who won national fame at Harvard, Miss Jane E Clark, an honor graduate of Oberlin, and Mr. George W. Carver, one of the country's finest experts in scientific agriculture, are a few of Dr. Washington's assistants who come under my special observation, yet there are many others who are filling their places with equal fidelity and conscientiousness of effort. It can prove to be none other than a source of inspiration to come in contact with the work of Tuskegee, as one goes from one department to another. Tuskegee and Booker Washington grow in the esteem and admiration of the people in proportion as their real value to the nation and race is seen and understood.

The year 1903 makes a fine record for the Negro in the arena of athletic sports. Harvard comes forth with N. B. Marshall, champion quarter-mile runner; W. C. Matthews, crack shortstop, heavy batter and foot-ball player. Purdue and University and Wabash College's colored boys made a satisfactory showing and Tuskegee "cleaned up" everybody in one-two-three order upon the gridiron. Among the professional prize fighters Jack Johnson holds the colored heavyweight championship; Joe Gans remains the lightweight premiership, while Joe Wolcott is master of the welterweights. Sam Langford, who bested Gans a few nights ago, is a "coomer;" and Sam McVey and Denver Ed Martin are still doing effective ring work. It is possible that Jack Johnson may be able to get a "go" with Jim Jeffries, in which event, the authorities assert, the bronzed buster will get more than a "look in" for the winner's belt. Our Jockeys have had some lucky mounts, and are in high feather with the devotees of the race track. Evidence is not wanting that, given a chance, the black man can excel in any line of endeavor that a white man can. Will the Negro ever secure an "open door" to the National and American base ball leagues?



HON. ISAIAH T. MONTGOMERY.

Hon. Isaiah T. Montgomery, Mississippi's foremost citizen of color, until recently Receiver of Public Moneys for the State of Mississippi, is busily engaged at his home, Mound Bayou, the prosperous town founded by him some fifteen years ago, where he is personally conducting his private business. which is the largest operated by any colored man in the country. Besides this work, which taxes Mr. Montgomery to the utmost, although reinforced by his secretary and his brother, W. T. Montgomery, and three heads of departments, the Mississippi leader carries on a correspondence unequalled by any one member of the race except Dr. Booker T. Washington. Since his famous Constitutional Convention speech delivered in 1890, when he startled the country with a franchise proposition, is generally regarded as the most eloquent statistician of the race living. Those who seek real knowledge of the race in Mississippi, the leading State for black people, never fail to inquire of Mr. Montgomery, who is equally as sure to give the correct data, something which the Southern white man will not do, absolutely refuses to do. This is forcibly brought out in an inquiry recently addressed to Mr. Montgomery by a young white Southerner, a Texas professor and son of a great Confederate expounder, and who is now a student in a German college. He finishes in May, and has chosen for his theme "The Southern Negro," and "to thoroughly acquaint" himself "with the truth as to conditions" he "found it necessary to address" Mr. Montgomery. who is regarded "in Europe as the contemporary of the other great black American, Dr. Booker T. Washington." He requests the Mississippi "statesman" to write fully, "which means that authority is attached to whatever you write."

SHARPS AND FLATS.

It pays to be square.

Men who have work to do have no time to waste in belaboring puerile critics.

Events are so shaping themselves that the Negro is finding that his safest reliance is upon himself.

The Tuskegee Negro Conference, February 17, will not be overlooked by the lovers of race progress.

The boys and girls of the race must be trained for the service that the world finds best adopted to needs.

In Washington a banquet is given on the slightest provocation. He who is deceived thereby is not wise.

An immense brood of expert cooks would put the manufacturer of indigestion remedies out of business.

Ira. T Bryant grows on the country as fit material for the secretaryship of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union.

There are worse afflictions than being born a Negro. One might be as low as the clay-eating "po whites" of the South, for instance.

Rev. J. M. Henderson will be a factor in the next A. M. E. General Conference. His voice is not so soft, but he follows the Rooseveltian progress to the extent of carrying a big stick.

The Patent Office Gazette shows that Negroes have taken out over five hundred patents, proving that they can invent something other than lies—as has been charged by an arch enemy.

Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce is very favorably mentioned in connection with the presidency of the National Association of Colored Woman. The convention will be held this summer at St. Louis.

Our teachers everywhere should be better paid. No class of workers is compelled to carry the same responsibility or expensive intellectual equipment at such a meager compensation.

William Monroe Trotter and his erstwhile literary side-partner in the Boston Guardian, George Washington Forbes, do not speak as they pass by. The chill of the wintry blast is in Tremont Row.

Our esteemed contemporaries, The Colored American, Washington Bee and Record are at wide virlance as to the merits of the recent National Suffrage Convention. The American said it was a failure, and goes to the head of the class for telling the truth.

Tuskegee is not turning out field hands or domestic servants, but scientific agriculturists, who can intelligently direct the labors of a hundred helpers, and girls trained to carry into their homes a skill and taste that will make them exceptional wives and sisters.

The attitude of the labor unions of the North toward the Negro artisan is a question to which the Negro press should address itself with as much vigor as when discussing the Southern problem. The right to work in the North is just as vital an issue as the right to vote in the South.

The death of Mr. Will Harris comes as a shock to the journalistic craft. He was a hustling newspaper man, a brilliant and witty paragrapher and possessed a remarkable aptitude for meeting and improving the public taste in literary style through his epigrammatic method of expression.

The sympathy of the entire press fraternity goes out to Mr. W. T. Menard, Washington correspondent of the New York Age, in the death of his mother, Mrs, Elizabeth M. Menard. She was the widow of Hon. J. Willis Menard, formerly of Louisiana and Florida, the first colored man to be elected to the Congress of the United States.

The Christmas number of the Star of Zion was a splendid piece of journalistic work from both a literary and mechanical standpoint. Editor J. W. Smith does not "stretch the blanket" a bit, as far as the issue is, when he says he could get out as creditable a paper fifty-two times a year if Zion's army of 600-000 would just put their shoulder to the wheel and push with him.

Less than one per cent of the total Negro population is engaged in what are termed the genteel professions—law, medicine, teaching, preaching, etc. It goes without the saying that the greatest emphasis must be placed upon the education that will provide a means of support to the 99 per cent, who must live by agriculture, mechanical pursuits, domestic service and business.

James E Crawley, formerly foreman of the composing room of the Colored American, Washington, D. C., is now a valued member of the mechanical department of the Star of Zion, Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Crawley finds the South a more congenial field for the Negro industrial worker, and is meeting with gratifying success as a compositor and

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Bishop Derrick was not elected at Wilmington because of any maudlin sympathy in his behalf. He was chosen because of his genuine ability and intrinsic worth to the A. M. E. Church. Editor Cromwell's Baltimore candidate for the bench doesn't look the part when posing as a martyr and bracketing his impudent claims with the sterling qualities of Bishop Derrick, one of the church's best paying investments.

A noted scientist claims that the blackest of Negroes can be made white by treating the pigment beneath the skin with the X-ray combined with radium, and thus solve the race problem. It may be remarked in passing, however, that as long as radium continues to be rated at some hundreds of thousand dollars per ounce the number of Negroes will be painfully few who will be thus ushered at a bound into a hue defying jim crow cars, lynching and disfranchisement.

Public men should remember that in most cases dinners given in their honor are extended as a mere personal compliment by a number of subscribers, and are not meant, in any sense, as an endorsement of the guest's attitude toward a particular brand of education or indicative of opposition to any particular individual. The recent Trotter dinner in Washington and the proposed Morris dinner are cases in print—purely personal compliments from friends who wish to make welcome all sojourners in their midst.

The colored people of Cambridge, (Boston) Mass., have reason to rejoice. James R. Lew, nominated on the non-partisan ticket from the seventh ward has been triumphantly elected as a member of the school board, being the first time in the history of Cambridge that a colored man has ever been honored with an election to such a position. Mr. Lew is a substantial citizen of character and ability, coming from a long line of New England ancestry, and his friends are confident that his presence on the board will be very helpful to the cause of education.

The last number of the Charleston (W. Va.,) Advocate was given over entirely to the State Federation of Women's Clubs which gathered in Charleston. Congratulations are due Mrs. Mattie V. Lee and Miss Fannie C. Cobb for their painstaking editorial work and fine literary effects in connection with this special issue of the Advocate. Messrs S. W. Stokes and J. C. Gilmer, in paying this usual tribute to the earnest women within their gates, evince a degree of hospitality that sets Charleston upon a hill, and a spirit of appreciation for woman's enobling influence that is highly commendable.

R. W. THOMPSON.

A LITTLE BIRD WHISPERS.

That Prof. W. E. B. DuBois has subsided.

That Marvin Hart is about Jack Johnson's size.

That Indiana is due a sitting at the federal official feast.

That Violinist Joseph H. Douglass is to become a benedict.

That Bishop Walter's latest speech made a "hit" in Boston.

That Jim Jeffries may yet find it necessary to fight a Negro or nobody.

That Mr. Forbes, late share-holder in the Boston Gurdian, wants his money back.

That Roosevelt and Fairbanks will be the ticket that will win in the coming campaign.

That those who try the Golden Rule on the race question will find a solution in their grasp.

That Rev. R. C. Ransom has the inside track for the editorship of the Christian Recorder.

That Prof. ... Moore, of the Negro Business League, is the right man in the right place.

That the clean, new journal, The Colored Citizen, is making things hum for fair play and decency in Boston.

That Robert T. Lincoln, of the Pullman Car Company, is not a "chip off the old block" but a bump on a log.

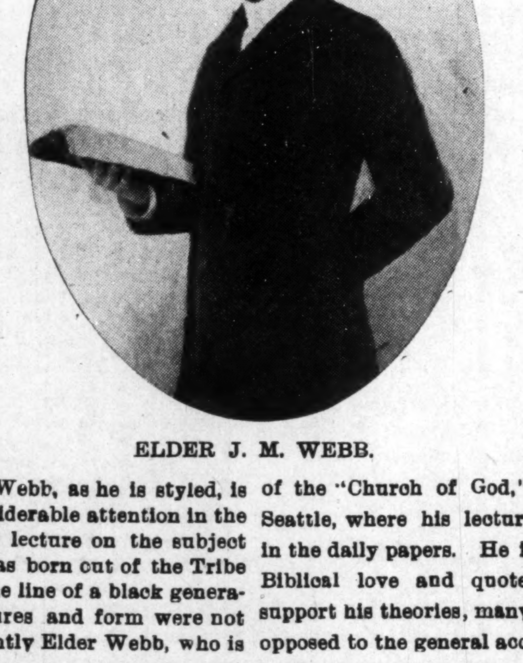
That the leap year prerogative of proposing will be more generally utilized than ever before by our bachelor girls.

That Proprietor Manly ought to occasionally read a copy of his paper. The Washington Record, just for old times, sake.

That Dr. Sumner A. Furniss will have business of a most pressing character in Louisville at the close of the school term.

That five hundred full-fledged delegates will be present at the Indianapolis meeting of the National Negro Business League in August.

That Henrietta Vinton Davis will enter the vandeville arena as soon as a



ELDER J. M. WEBB.

Elder J. M. Webb, as he is styled, is attracting considerable attention in the far West in his lecture on the subject "That Jesus was born out of the Tribe of Judea and the line of a black generation; His features and form were not pretty." Recently Elder Webb, who is of the "Church of God," appeared in Seattle, where his lecture was set out in the daily papers. He is versatile in Biblical love and quotes liberally to support his theories, many of which are opposed to the general acceptation.

suitable vehicle for her high-grade talents can be secured.

That Negro national conventions of the future will be held outside of the District of Columbia.

That Kentucky will not find it to their advantage to monkey with the suffrage laws at this year's session.

That Editors Fortune and Adams will have control of the Negro literature for the presidential campaign.

That Negro Democrats from New England or elsewhere are out of place in a Republican convention.

That the popular opinion of Lawyer E. H. Morris is that the state of Illinois hasn't another man like him.

That white men who are rational upon most topics go to pieces the moment they tackle the Negro problem.

That National Organizer Fred R. ...

That the Washington Post and the Atlanta Constitution would not send for Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis if they felt in need of being prayed for.

That the Negro Democrats favor Geo. B. McClellan or William R. Hearst for the presidential nomination since Cleveland declared himself out of it.

That Perry Carson will have a finger in the pie that is to be eaten by the next District of Columbia's delegation to the National Republican Convention.

That Rev. J. M. Henderson is taking on a new armament of facts that will aid Rev. W. D. Chappelle to be reelected secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union.

That Archibald H. Grimke, the Bay State's leading Negro Democrat, is lending aid and comfort to the candidacy of Richard Olney for the presidential nomination.

That the leading actors in that roaring farce, the National Suffrage Convention, are still explaining that they were not responsible for what happened or for what failed to happen.

That Editor Jay Wesley Cromwell has not yet discovered that his serious attempt to galvanize into life a bishopric boom for Jay Albert Johnson is the funniest episode of the season.

That James H. Hayes will have to "smoke up" if he hopes to justify the claim of the Washington Record that he is destined to become as conspicuous a leader as Frederick Douglass.

That Prof. W. H. Richards, of Howard University's Law Department, has a position of farther reaching influence than any that the District of Columbia government could bestow upon him.

That the Republican National Convention will take strong ground against the discriminating election laws of the South that make one white man there as powerful as three white men in the North.

That it would be a grim joke on quite a number of ambitious gentlemen of the cloth if the A. M. E. General Conference should decide to struggle along for another four years with the present stock of bishops.

That the fearless and up-to-date correspondents of out-of-town newspapers are dishing up a spicier menu of national capital affairs and drawing a clearer picture of Washington life than the journals located in that city.

That those aggressive Negro Democrats, Archibald H. Grimke and William Monroe Trotter threaten to supplant such old-liners as J. Milton Turner, James A. Ross and James C. Matthews in the leadership of the national Negro democracy.

That a long sleep awaits the following measures now pending in congress: The Morrell anti-jim-crow car bill, the Dick investigation of suffrage restriction, and the proposition to create a Freedman's Inquiry Commission—although not one of them should fall.

That instead of offering an infinitesimal fraction of the late National Suffrage Association as a rallying point for all of the suffrage movements of the nation for the promotion of Roosevelt's renomination. Rev. S. L. Corrothers would have hit the nail more squarely on the head by urging his friends to join hands with T. Thomas Fortune and Bishop Alexander Walters, who have in the National Afro-American Council an actual bona fide organization to tie themselves to.

Educational Notes.

The students of Fisk University have determined to give a concert for the interest of Walden University. The project is a laudable one and should appeal to the entire colored population of Nashville in particular, and to the whites in general, in the interest of our common humanity.—Sunday school Monitor.

Prof. Byrd Pillerman, A. M., '89, the popular professor of English in the West Virginia Colored Institute, has been appointed as one of the commissioners of his State to look after the educational exhibits of that State at the St. Louis World's Fair.—The Aurora.

Knoxville College is talking summer school already; it evidently means to do business on the ground floor.

Says the Wilberforce Student: "It may be a matter of interest to our readers to know that the fourth annual report of the National Negro Business League, of which Dr. Booker T. Washington is president, is being printed and bound in the Printing Office of the Combined Normal and Industrial Department at Wilberforce, and that all the work is being done by students.

The State Teachers' Association of Kentucky, composed exclusively of colored members, held its twenty-seventh annual sessions in Louisville during the holidays. Mr. C. F. Sneed, formerly of the Indianapolis schools, was one among those appearing on the program; his subject, "How may training of school and life be correlated?" The banquet given by the Louisville teachers to the visiting teachers was the enjoyable close of what was held to be profitable sessions, at which function the genial Prof. W. H. Perry presided. Profs. A. E. Meyzeek, J. S. Hathaway and Mrs. Lavina B. Sneed were among those that responded to the toastmaster's call.

The American Economic Association and the American Historical Association on their recent trip South to attend the annual meeting at New Orleans La., stopped over at Atlanta, Ga., to visit Atlanta University, where they made special investigation into the methods of Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, the eminent Professor of Economics and Sociology in that institution, whose researches in connection with statistics of the Negro race are of such invaluable assistance to students of sociology the world over; Dr. DuBois being recognized as the h ghest authority on this branch of the subject in this country and in Europe.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Merriman of Worcester and Boston, and his son Roger Merriman, a graduate of Oxford, England, and now instructor in Harvard University, were of the party. Dr. Merriman preached an especially effective and inspiring sermon to the faculty and students of Atlanta University in Ware Chapel, from the text: "Behold, I set before you an open door."

The American Economic Association and the American Historical Association together formed one of the most distinguished companies which has visited Atlanta this year. Among them were the following eminent men and women: Prof. Williston Walker and Henry W. Farnum of Yale University, Prof. William A. Dunning, Columbia University, Miss Coman of Wellesley College and Clarence Winthrop Bowen of the New York Independent.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

John Puryear is able to be out again.

Mrs. Lucy Tyree is ill at this writing.

Wirt Smith has returned to Purdue College.

Bishop Grant and Geo. L Knox have returned from the East.

Noble Sissle is ill at the home of his parents in Columbia avenue.

Mrs. Mary Williams continues ill at her home in Douglass street.

Mr. Wm. R. Hill has taken up the Normal course at Terre Haute.

Miss Daisy D. Walker was in Galesburg, Ill., on business this week.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson is visiting her father, J. D. Patterson, of Louisville.

A Y. M. C. A. history club has been organized and will meet Wednesday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashby is very ill at this writing.

Miss Stella Hart continues ill at Mrs Henderson's residence in California street.

The Church Aid Club of Allen Chapel will meet with Mrs. Cary Thursday afternoon.

Daniel McCauley, 454 W. Fourteenth street, an old Freeman subscriber, died quite recently.

Mrs. Sarah Bell of St. Paul, Minn., is the guest of Thomas Eeler and friends near Brightwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kennedy entertained a party of friends at the Parker House Sunday evening.

Dr. Samuel W. Hunter, a prominent dentist of Richmond, Ind., is here taking the State Board examination.

Mrs. W. T. Vernon of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of Bishop Grant and family here. Mrs. Vernon is returning home from a pleasant visit East.

Bishop A. Mack, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., general evangelical worker of U S. A., is here to conduct a revival for Rev. Charles Williams, pastor South Calvary Baptist church.

Bishop Grant addressed the Y. M. C. A. at Bethel church, New York City, last Sunday afternoon. He also spoke at the morning service at this church and at night spoke at Bridge Street church.

Doctor Pierce, aged 30 years, an old resident of Indianapolis, died suddenly at his home in Minervia street, last Friday. His funeral was from the Second Baptist church, of which he was a deacon for many years.

The stockholders of Castle Hall Building Association will meet in the anteroom of Pride of the West Castle Hall next Tuesday, Jan, 19th, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of organizing and electing directors. A full attendance of those who have subscribed for stock is desired.

The Old Plantation Melody Concert at the Flanner Guild, Monday night, was a decided success. Mr. Ed. Stafford the principal comedian, deserves special mention as does the Flanner Guild quartette. There will be a repetition of the entertainment in two weeks. The Sunday afternoon concerts are offering the public the very best musical and literary talent. A special program by Memorial church band (white) assisted by Miss Mary Traub, soloist, will be a feature to-morrow at 5 p. m.

A number of ladies met last Monday at 5 p m at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and reorganized the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee with the following officers: Mrs. M. A. Sissle, president; Mrs. Fannie Kersey, first vice-president; Miss Ella Lewis, second vice-president; Miss Daneva Donnell, secretary; Miss Etta Croker, assistant secretary; Mrs. Sadie Sanders, treasurer. The purpose of this organization is to help the Y. M. C. A. in every particular. Plans will be discussed for future work at the next meeting Monday, Jan. 18, 1904. The educational committee, Rev. H. L. Herod chairman, met Tuesday evening to perfect arrangements for an oratorical contest. Rev. Perry will address the meeting to-morrow in the association parlors.

Great interest is being taken in the revival now in progress at Bethel A. M. E. church. The pastor, Rev. James M. Townsend, who is a very successful revivalist, will be assisted by ministers from other cities during the meetings. The Rev. D. P. Roberts of St. Paul church, St. Louis, is expected to assist, beginning to-morrow and continuing throughout next week. A special choir of forty voices will conduct the singing. To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock a gospel meeting will be held, which will be participated in by ministers of other churches. On next Wednesday night the Y. M. C. A. will conduct the services, at which time a special effort will be made to induce young men to attend this service. The Christian Endeavor meetings show an increase in interest and attendance. It meets at 6:30 each Sunday night.

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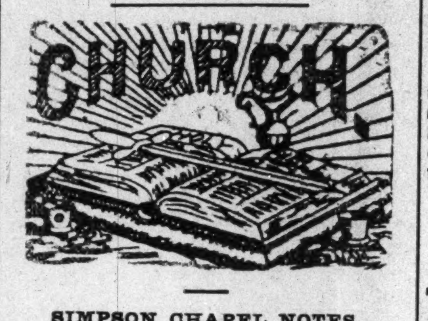

SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

Rev. W. H. Riley pastor; services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday School 9 a. m.

SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Thirteenth and Missouri streets. Rev. H. L. Herod, pastor.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. C. H. Johnson, pastor; preaching 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

Rev. W. W. Brown, D. D, of Pittsburg, Pa., is holding a successful revival.

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Corner Eleventh and Lafayette sts. Hours of service: Sunday 9:30 a. m, Sabbath School; preaching 10:45 a. m, and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday night; preaching Thursday night. Rev. B F. Farrel, pastor; residence 1103 North West street.

Rev Farrell has begun his revival, and invites the public. Rev. Farrell is a forceful speaker.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. H. B. Gibson pastor; services 11 a m. and 8 p. m.; Sunday School 10:45 a. m Visitors always welcome.

Rev. Gibson desires to call attention to his revival services. Come and assist him.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Vermont street, between Missouri and Toledo streets. Rev. J. M. Townsend, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school 2:30 p. m.

Successful revival services continue. Next Wednesday evening a committee of the Y, M. C. A will conduct the service.

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST NOTES.

422 North Senate avenue, Rev. T. W. Lott, pastor; Sunday School 10 a m; Bible class 7 to 8 p. m.; preaching 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 to 9 p. m.

Collection for Jan. 3d was $36 04; Jan 10th, $28 03. Leap year social Friday, Jan 22d, by Mrs. Laura Furman and Mrs. Kitty Weber The pastor will preach a series of sermons on "What a Sinner Must Do to be Saved" beginning January 17th.

CORINTHIAN BAPTIST NOTES.

Rev. J. Franklin Walker pastor. Sunday-school 9 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; communion first Sunday each month.

Rev. Benj W Farris D. D, of Boston, Mass., is assisting Rev. Walker His subject to-morrow night will be "God Locked the Door."

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Rev. W. H. Chambers pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.: Sunday-school 2 p. m.

Rev J. W. Luekett is conducting a revival for Rev. Chambers. He is a powerful speaker. Come and hear him.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Hours of service:—Sunday, 10:45 a. m., preaching; 12 m., class; 2 p. m., Sunday School; 7:30 p. m, preaching; class Tuesday night; prayer meeting Thursday night; teacher's meeting Friday night. Rev. H. E. Stewart, pastor, residence 1501 Cornell ave.

The revival services continues with increasing interest. A large number could not gain entrance last Sunday night. In order to give an opportunity for some of the old people to hear Mrs. Mason an hour will be given Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. It will be known as the "Old Folks' Hour" Mrs. Mason's text will be from Psalm 71: 9th verse, "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth." The front pews will be reserved for the old people; however, all are invited, but special seats are reserved for the older people. Don't forget the hour. The subject Sunday night will be "Stand Back" Come and spend the day at the church. Lunch will be prepared for those who desire to remain.

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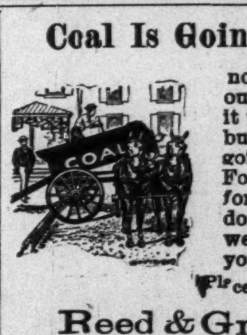

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